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SUBJECT: IAEA SAFEGUARDS SAMPLES

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C) STATE A-4246, APRIL 24, 1972; D) IAEA VIENNA 6809,
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1. SUMMARY. MB-10 FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN REQUIRED WITH
RESPECT TO SMALL SAMPLES CONTAINING U.S.-ORIGIN SNM
REMOVED BY IAEA FOR SAFEGUARDS PURPOSES. HOWEVER,
REMOVAL OF SUCH SAMPLES AND QUANTITIES OF MATERIAL INVOLVED
ARE REPORTED TO ERDA ON FORM SER-2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION
ON USE OF SER-2 FORMS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROBLEM PERCEIVED
BY IAEA IN 1972 IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLES FROM NPT
COUNTRIES, IS GIVEN IN REFS. B, C, D AND BELOW. END
SUMMARY.

2. USAEC AGREED IN 1971 TO ACCEPT TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS
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AGREEMENTS AS BASIS FOR IAEA INSPECTORS' TAKING OF SAMPLES

FOR SAFEGUARDS PURPOSES, AND TO FOREGO REQUIREMENT OF MB-10 FORM FOR TRANSFERS OF SUCH SAMPLES, PROVIDED IAEA ASSURED U.S. THAT ALL SUCH SAMPLES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT TO PROVIDE THIS ASSURANCE, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE

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DATA NECESSARY FOR AEC RECORDS, IAEA WOULD SEND U.S. COPIES OF SER-2 FORMS ON THESE TRANSFERS. (AGENCY HAS CONTINUED TO SUBMIT SER-2 FORMS FROM TIME TO TIME, E.G., G. RUBINSTEIN LETTER OF APRIL 9, 1976 TRANSMITTING SER-2 FORM REPORTING SAMPLES TRANSFERRED TO IAEA FROM INDIA.)

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, AEC INDICATED IT WAS PREPARED TO FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE ON AGENCY'S TAKING OF SAMPLES FROM COUNTRIES BEING SAFEGUARDED UNDER NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT IAEA HAD EARLIER BEEN APPLYING SAFEGUARDS UNDER TRILATERALS. REF D REPORTED THAT AGENCY HAD PROBLEM REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF SER-2 FORMS ON SNM SAMPLES TAKEN IN IMPLEMENTING NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS. AGENCY SUPPORTED USE OF SER-2 FORM ON ONE PARTICULAR TRANSFER FROM NORWAY THAT REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ACTION, BUT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GENERAL MATTER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND AGENCY. (REF D AND SEPTEMBER 20, 1972 LETTER FROM C BUCHLER OF IAEA TO KOLBY OF NORWEGIAN MISSION.)

4. TO BEST OF ERDA RECOLLECTION THERE WERE NO FURTHER U.S.-IAEA EXCHANGES ON THIS MATTER. IF THIS RECOLLECTION IS CORRECT, WE ASSUME THAT ANY PROBLEMS RELATING TO SER-2 USE ON TRANSFERS OF SAMPLES FROM COUNTRIES SAFEGUARDED UNDER NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN SOLVED. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S DISCUSSING WITH AGENCY AND ADVISING WHETHER THIS ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT. KISSINGER

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